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Finland-USSR: [Finland has agreed to purchase MIG-21 aircraft as part of its program of arms procurement from the Soviet Union, [redacted]

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[redacted] Earlier reports indicate that [redacted] [redacted] Soviet jet fighters will be purchased to augment the Finnish Air Force's 50 jet aircraft, most of which are trainers and obsolescent fighters.]

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[Negotiations may already be completed for the acquisition of artillery, gun tractors, and diesel engines under the \$125 million ruble credit granted Finland in 1959. Some [redacted] of the credit has been earmarked for arms procurement. The Finns had intended to purchase missiles from the Soviet Union as well, but these plans were dropped by President Kekkonen on 30 July, largely because of adverse reaction in the US.]

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[An arms purchase agreement may be signed during the current visit to Finland of Soviet Chief of Staff General Zakharov and his party, [redacted]

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West Germany: Bonn's retiring representative to NATO, Gebhardt von Walther, has reiterated German fears that the United States would be reluctant to use tactical nuclear weapons in order to defend West Germany. Von Walther told a US NATO official that West Germany still favored a multilateral NATO nuclear seaborne force as the "only possible solution" to the complex nuclear question, since German membership in a purely European force would be completely unacceptable to some NATO countries and the Soviets. He asserted that during De Gaulle's visit to Bonn next month, Adenauer planned to urge the French President to accept the concept of a multilateral NATO force.

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Von Walther confirmed that Ambassador Kroll will leave Moscow in September and will be replaced by a representative who will report only what he hears and refrain from independent action. This, according to Von Walther, is what Foreign Minister Schroeder wants, although Chancellor Adenauer "prefers the Kroll type of operator."

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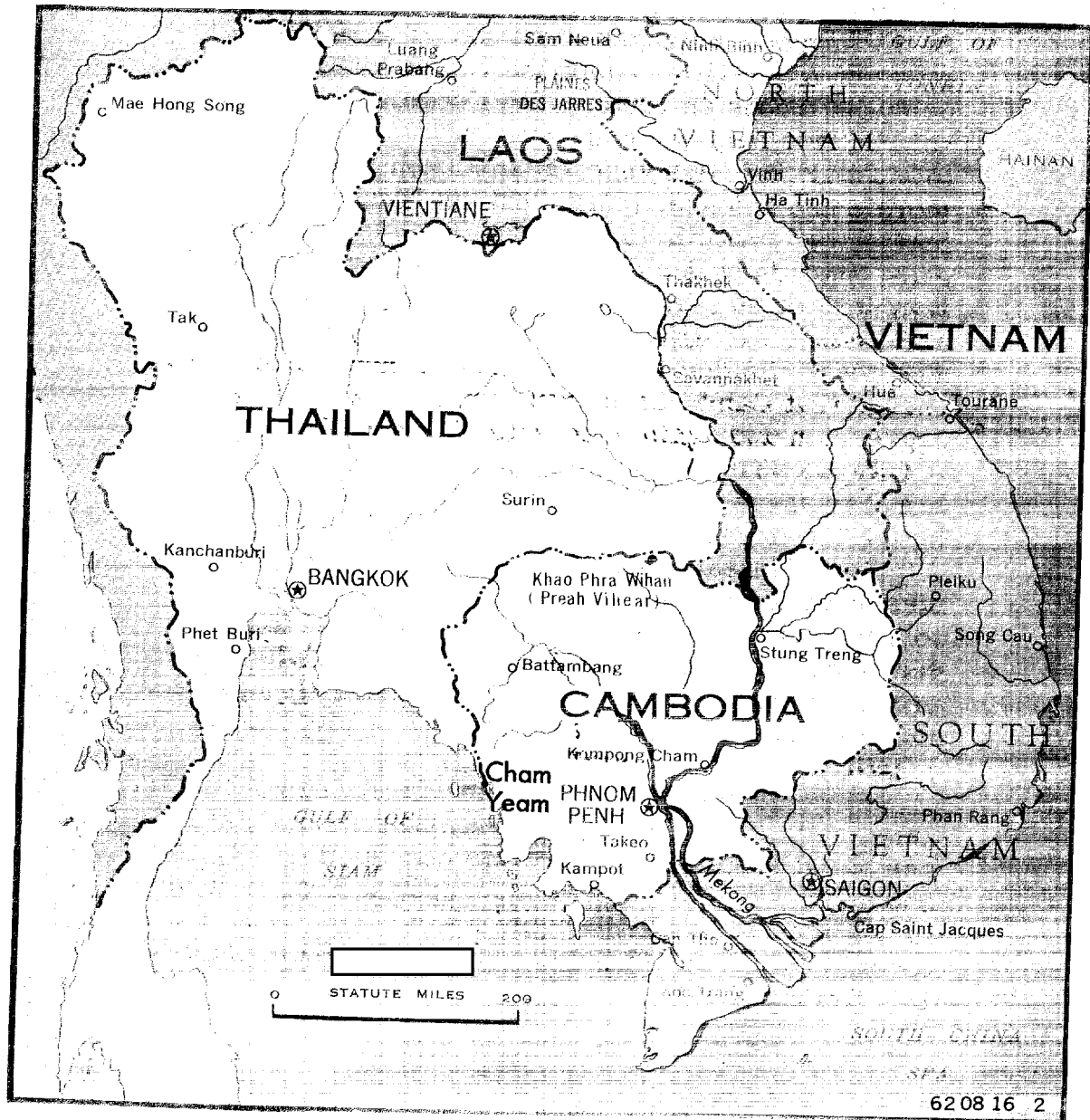
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Thailand-Cambodia: General Lon Nol, Cambodian minister of defense, states that 400 Thai marines occupied the border town of Cham Yeam on the Gulf of Siam on 16 August. Cambodia has dispatched a company with orders to take up defensive positions in the area. This development, following border clashes with the Thais last weekend, may prompt Sihanouk to charge that Cambodia is a victim of Western-inspired aggression and again to threaten to seek bloc support.

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South Korea: The military regime continues to take actions which are likely to reduce its prestige with the public. Its latest move is to indict former prime minister Chang Myon on a charge of plotting to overthrow the regime. Many of Chang's political associates retain considerable support in their home constituencies.

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